

JOHN K. WHITED.

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Mr. PATTERSON, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 5244.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 5244) granting an increase of pension to John K. Whited, have examined the same and report:

John K. Whited was a soldier in the Mexican war and served from June 25, 1846, to June 20, 1847, as a sergeant in Company H, Arkansas Mounted Volunteers. He is now receiving a pension of \$12 per month for service in said war under the acts of January 29, 1887, and January 5, 1893.

Claimant is 80 years old, and the evidence on file shows him to be blind and in a helpless condition on account of age and physical weakness and requires constant attention. It is also in evidence that he has no home or property of any kind whatever and is dependent on his pension of \$12 per month.

His advanced age, helplessness, and poverty warrant an increase of his pension to \$20 per month, which is the rate heretofore allowed in similar cases.

The passage of the bill is recommended when amended as follows:

In line 7 strike out the word "Mexican;" and in same line, after the word "war," add the words "with Mexico."

In line 8 strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty."